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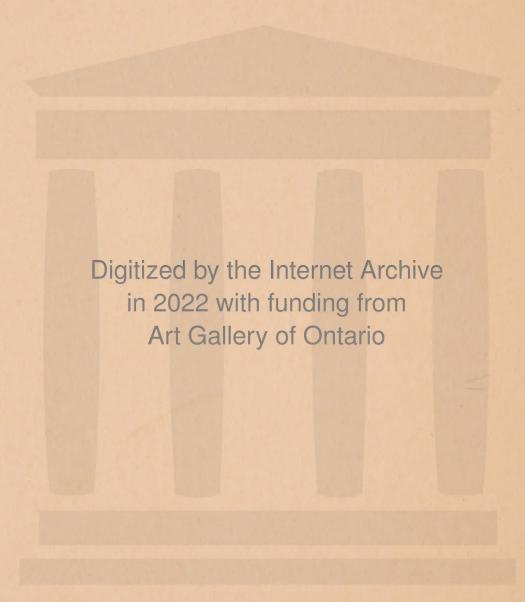
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THE ART GALLERY OF TORONTO



CONTEMPORARY PAINTINGS FROM GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE WITH SCULPTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES



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FOREWORD

From 1530 until 1758 Canada was claimed and colonized by France. From then until 1867 she was populated and administered by the United Kingdom, with a watchful and sometimes distrustful eye on the United States next door. From that date till to-day Canada's relationship with the United States has become constantly more cordial with an ever increasing two-way flow of Canadians and Americans across the border.

Thus France, Great Britain and the United States are the three dominating influences which enter into the shaping of this country which, for over 400 years, has become a constantly growing factor in the world. It is our own responsibility to see that our intellectual development should keep pace with our constantly growing strength. This development must come from within but it must feed on what it finds both in history and the contemporary scene. This exhibition therefore is an enquiry into the progress and present thinking of our two great founders and our closest friend, and we may expect to find in it, underlying the variations due to history, temperament and individualities, some firm accepted ground which is common to us all.

The collections were made by Committees set up in each of the three countries, who, although their methods were different, all worked under the same terms of reference, which may be quoted as follows:

"... We wish to have ... pictures painted ... within the last ten years. These are to be selected by the Committee for their quality only, with the general consideration that no special emphasis be placed on any one development. The Committee is therefore being asked to select individual paintings of first quality rather than works of any particular artist. There is no objection to including more than one work by any artist.

The exhibition will include the various oil and watercolour media, but will exclude drawings and prints. A limited number of small and medium sized sculpture in finished materials could be added to the show if the Committee considered it advisable . . ." (Practical limitations made this applicable to the U.S. only.)

In the United States the Committee was asked to choose eighty to ninety paintings and about fifteen sculptures, and was as follows: Chairman—Mr. Lloyd Goodrich, Associate Director of The Whitney Museum of American Art; Miss Dorothy Miller, Curator of Painting, Museum of Modern Art—both in New York; Mr. John I. H. Baur, Curator of The Brooklyn Museum and Mr. Douglas MacAgy, Director of the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

The Committees for Great Britain and France were organized through the good offices of Mr. Anthony F. Blunt, former Keeper of the King's Pictures and now Director of the Courtauld Institute of London, who has been acting for some time as the representative of The Art Gallery of Toronto in London.

The London Committee was asked to select up to sixty pictures and was as follows: Chairman—Mr. Anthony F. Blunt, Director of the Courtauld Institute, London; Mr. Basil Taylor, formerly of the Talks Department of the B.B.C., as their specialist in Art, now Organizing Secretary to the National Art Collections Fund.

The French Committee was asked to select forty to fifty pictures and was as follows: Chairman—Mr. F. J. McEwen of the British Council, Paris; M. Bernard Dorival, Assistant Director of the Museum of Modern Art, Paris; and M. Louis Gabriel Clayeux of the Galerie Maeght.

While the responsibility for determining the nature of this exhibition is ours, most of the actual labour for bringing it into being has been performed by the members of these three Committees and chiefly by their chairmen, and we cannot be too grateful to them for their inexhaustible patience and untiring efforts to bring together the best possible collection in the face of the difficulties of long distances and international boundaries. No less are we continually amazed at and humbly grateful for the generosity of the owners. Only very few requests were refused and most of these because of previous arrangements for loans elsewhere. If the international good will which is so evident in the field of the arts were to be taken as an example, many of this world's troubles would evaporate. We therefore welcome this opportunity to express the thanks of The Art Gallery of Toronto to all lenders for their conspicuous share in making what was once a dream an accomplished fact.

H. C. Walker

A. J. Casson
CHAIRMAN, EXHIBITION COMMITTEE

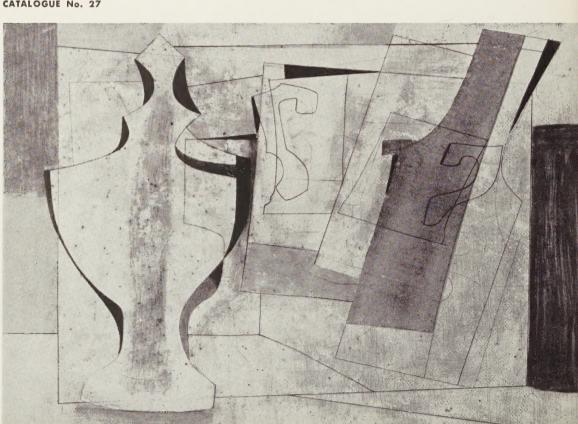
Martin Baldwin

Sydney Key
CURATOR



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CATALOGUE No. 27



GREAT BRITAIN

The paintings in this exhibition were executed either during the late war or in the years immediately preceding and following it. That is to say, they were created during one of the periods of deepest disturbance in history; and they have, one and all, been profoundly affected by this disturbance.

In this sense the paintings of these ten years are only the last stage in a longer development. Disquiet has been a characteristic of all the most vital European art of the present century, whether in England or France or Central Europe. Fauvism, Cubism, Expressionism, Surrealism are all in one way or another the expression of a state of mind which is characterised by tension and lack of ease. But disturbance may affect artists in various different ways. It can compel them to the direct treatment of the horror of the world, as it did Picasso in Guernica; or it can induce in the artist a sort of defensive detachment, it can make him grow a shell into which he can retreat for shelter and protection; or it can thrust itself suddenly into evidence in the stylistic vagaries even of an artist who appears to be treating pleasant or amusing subjects.

All these and many other reactions to the general state of disquiet are to be seen in the works here shown. In Henry Moore, perhaps the most inventive of all those exhibiting, the effects differ at different stages of the period. In the works executed just before the war we feel a restless search for formal combinations which were emotive in themselves, but had little content in the ordinary sense of the word. But the bombing of London seems to have shaken him into emotion. His reaction, however, was not so much to the violent and therefore picturesque scenes taking place above ground, as to those to be seen in the Tube Shelters, in their more subtle way as pathetic as those above. Here certainly is content, and highly literary, dream-like content, too; but it is susceptible of treatment in a classical and restrained manner; it could be reduced to those forms with which Moore had been experimenting for their own sakes in the previous years. Now, in the years since the war, the immediately pathetic quality has less prominence

in his sculptures and his drawings; but in the Family Groups a profoundly human feeling is at the basis of the whole conception, forced into even calmer and more classical forms.

At the opposite pole is Graham Sutherland, an artist in whom emotion seems always about to burst out of control. In him disturbance is more obvious. His obsession with such nightmarish elements as his Thorn Trees is only one manifestation of this; it appears with equal clarity in his colour and his deliberately distasteful forms. It was logical that he should choose the Crucifixion as a symbol through which to express his ideas, and equally logical that he should have been inspired in his rendering of it by the grimmest and most dramatically repulsive of all versions of the subject, Grünewald's Isenheim altar. Grünewald's altar, painted for a monastery in the desolate province of Alsace, at the height of the Peasant Wars, was a proper model for an Expressionist living in the stress of the 20th century, who was willing to make the symbols of Christianity his own.

Ben Nicholson is the type of artist who retreats into his shell, or his lvory Tower. For years now he has been juggling with squares and circles, and the only change which seems to have taken place in his work—the appearance of certain new forms and a slightly less puritanical attitude towards colour—can hardly be attributed to external events. Is this playing with geometrical forms really an end in itself? Personally I think not; but one cannot deny that Nicholson does it exquisitely.

In a sense certain other artists, mostly of the older generation, have preserved something of the same detachment, but without losing all touch with the outside world. Matthew Smith, for instance, still creates his luxurious colour harmonies; but they are not deprived of content, and indeed always express a positive attitude. Basically, one can always see, he is a humanist.

Yet another approach lies behind the work of what is loosely called the Euston Road Group. William Coldstream's Casualty Reception Station, Capua was painted, as its title indicates, during the war, while the artist was officially employed by the War Office. But it reveals an attitude towards the war different from any that we have so far seen. It does not ignore the war like Nicholson's work, nor revel in its horror like some of Sutherland's. It renders with the most scrupulous honesty certain facts about it; but both the choice of facts and the manner of

presentation are significant. "In spite of everything," the artist seems to say, "the basic human laws continue to function, even in war; this scene is unusual, but I propose to extract all that is usual in it. And I propose to present this without emphasis or overstatement, and without ever faking my emotions." This is true detachment, which does not shut its eyes to the facts, but contemplates them calmly, and then sets them down honestly.

Coldstream's principles have exercised a wide influence on English painting, which can be seen in the exhibition in the works of Graham Bell, Victor Pasmore, Lawrence Gowing, Claude Rogers, and William Townsend. Each of these artists has, of course, his own personal contribution to offer: Graham Bell an exceptional sense of design; Gowing a delicacy of colour; Pasmore richness and allusiveness in both colour and drawing; Rogers directness of approach; Townsend a calculated beauty of pattern. But all have in common a purity of heart in the face of nature which links them with Coldstream. Now that Coldstream has become head of the Slade School his teaching will, one may hope, be even more fruitful.

The younger artists represented mainly illustrate a different tendency, which one may loosely call Expressionist. Here vitality is a marked feature, but vitality with a neurotic touch which expresses itself in an aggressive angularity of form, as in Robert Colquhoun or Robert MacBryde. The disturbance is only visible in style, not in content, save perhaps in the more fantastic visions of John Craxton.

Finally, one word must be said on what has been left out of the exhibition. The aim of the organizers has been to show the new contributions which have been made to English painting in the last ten years. For this reason certain artists, such as Sickert, have been omitted, since, though still working during the period, they added nothing to their previous achievement. For the same reason no works are included from the more academic schools, since they, too, have made no new contribution. No doubt everyone will find omissions to blame, but in general, the organizers hope, the most inventive branches of living English painting are here fairly represented.

A. F. Blunt

- 1 BAWDEN, EDWARD 1903-Gower Peninsula, Wales Watercolour, 18 x 22—Painted 1948
 - In the Collection of The Art Gallery of Toronto
- 2 BELL, GRAHAM 1910-1943 Kingcups Oil on Canvas, 18 x 24—Painted 1940 Lent by Miss A. Popham
- 3 BELL, GRAHAM 1910-1943 **Dover Front** Oil on Canvas, 25 x 30-Painted 1938 Lent by Miss A. Popham
- 4 BURRA, EDWARD 1905-The Green Figure Watercolour, 261/2 x 35—Painted 1930 Lent by The British Council
- 5 COLDSTREAM, WILLIAM 1908-Casualty Reception Station, Capua Oil, 29 x 363/4 Lent by The British Council
- 6 COLQUHOUN, ROBERT 1914-Weaving Army Cloth Oil, 31 x 40-Painted 1945 Lent by The British Council
- 7 CRAXTON, JOHN 1922-Galatas Oil, 301/4 x 401/4-Painted 1947 Lent by The British Council
- 8 FITTON, JAMES The Café Oil. 25 x 40-Painted 1945 Lent by the Artist
- 9 FOLDES, PETER 1924-Woman at Window Oil, 30 x 40-Painted 1949 Lent by the Artist
- 10 GOWING, LAWRENCE 1918-Judith at Sixteen Oil, 16 x 24—Painted 1945 Lent by Mr. Humphrey Brooke
- 11 GROSS, ANTHONY 1905-Camel Driver, British Druze Regiment Watercolour, 15 x 22 Lent by The British Council
- 12 HERON, PATRICK 1920-Narcissus, Coffee Pot, Jug Oil, 36 x 28-Painted 1949 Lent by The Redfern Gallery

- 13 HILL, DEREK 1916-Geneva in the Rain Oil, 20 x 28-Painted 1947 Lent by the Artist
- 14 HITCHENS, IVON 1893-Flower Effect, No. 1 Oil, 25 x 34—Painted 1942 Lent by The British Council
- 15 HITCHENS, IVON 1893-**Forest Banks** Oil, 201/4 x 495/8-Painted 1942 Lent by The British Council
- 16 HODGKINS, FRANCES 1870-1947 Still Life with Shells and Fish Gouache, 21 x 181/2 Lent by The British Council
- 17 HODGKINS, FRANCES 1870-1947 The Wheelwright's Yard Gouache, 253/4 x 20 Lent by The Redfern Gallery
- 18 JONES, DAVID 1895-Sea From a Window Watercolour, 25 x 19—Painted 1929 Lent by Messrs. Alex Reid & Lefèvre Ltd.
- 19 MACBRYDE, ROBERT 1913-Table with Objects, No. 1 Oil, 25 x 193/4 Lent by The British Council
- 20 MINTON, JOHN 1918-Fish in Glass Tank Oil. 30 x 25-Painted 1949 Lent by The Redfern Gallery
- 21 MINTON, JOHN 1918-Stormy Day, Cornwall Gouache, 101/2 x 15-Painted 1946 Lent by The British Council
- 22 MOORE, HENRY 1898-Row of Sleepers Watercolour and pen, 211/2 x 121/2—Painted 1941 Lent by The British Council
- 23 MOORE, HENRY 1898-**Seated Figures** Watercolour, 22 x 15—Painted 1949 Lent by The Redfern Gallery
- 24 MOORE, HENRY 1898-**Family Group** Gouache, 321/2 x 381/2 Lent by Dr. Andrew Revai



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25 NASH, JOHN 1893— The Pond by the Wood Oil, 30 x 25

Lent by The Redfern Gallery

26 NASH, PAUL 1889-1946
Landscape of the Vernal Equinox
Oil, 28 x 36—Painted 1943
Lent by H. M. The Queen

27 NICHOLSON, BEN 1894-Still Life

Oil (Canvas on Plywood), $14\frac{1}{2} \times 20\frac{1}{2}$ —Painted 1948 Lent by The British Council

28 NICHOLSON, BEN 1894— Still Life

> Oil, 24 x 20—Painted 1946 Lent by Messrs. Alex Reid & Lefèvre Ltd.

29 PASMORE, VICTOR 1908— The Park

Oil, 42 x 31—Painted 1947 Lent by the Artist

30 PASMORE, VICTOR 1908— Suburban Window Oil, 27 × 22 Lent by The Redfern Gallery

31 PIPER, JOHN 1903— Aran Mawddwy

> Watercolour, 14½ x 19¾—Painted 1945 Lent by Dr. Nikolaus Pevsner

32 PIPER, JOHN 1903— View of Quadrangle, Windsor Castle Gouache, 1958 x 2936—Painted 1944 Lent by H. M. The Queen

33 RAVILIOUS, ERIC 1903—1942
Convoy Passing an Island
Watercolour, 20 x 21
Lent by The British Council

34 ROGERS, CLAUDE 1907—
The Sandpit (near Beylawe, Essex)
Oil, 36 x 28—Painted 1946
Lent by the Artist

35 ROGERS, CLAUDE 1907—
Clover Field Near Toppesfield Church, Essex
Oil, 36 x 48—Painted 1947
Lent by the Artist

36 SCOTT, WILLIAM 1913—
Bowl, Eggs and Lemons
Oil, 21 x 26—Painted 1949
Lent by the Artist

37 SMITH, MATTHEW 1879— White Dahlia in Blue Jug Oil, 31½ x 25—Painted 1937 Lent by The British Council

38 SMITH, MATTHEW 1879— Still Life

Oil, 34 x 51—Painted c. 1947 Lent by Dr. E. Herbert

39 SPENCER, STANLEY 1892—
Christ in the Wilderness: Foxes
Oil, 22 x 22—Painted 1940/41
Lent by J. L. Behrend, Esq.

Christ in the Wilderness: Scorpions
Oil, 22 x 22—Painted 1940
Lent by J. L. Behrend, Esq.

41 SUTHERLAND, GRAHAM 1903—
The Crucifixion. Study for the Painting in
St. Matthew, Northampton
Gouache—Painted 1947
Lent by the Rev. Canon Walter Hussey

The Setting Sun
Gouache, 9 x 11½—Painted 1944
Lent by The British Council

43 SUTHERLAND, GRAHAM 1903—
Thorn Trees
Oil, 49½ x 39½—Painted 1946
Lent by The British Council

44 SUTHERLAND, GRAHAM 1903—
Study of Thorns
Watercolour, 17 x 12
Lent by The British Council

45 TOWNSEND, WILLIAM 1909— City Walls, London Oil, 24 x 18½—Painted 1948 Lent by the Artist

46 TUNNARD, JOHN 1900—
Sea Piece
Oil, 1934 x 15½—Painted 1946
Lent by Messrs. Alex Reid & Lefèvre Ltd.

47 VAUGHAN, KEITH 1912—
Oyster Fishermen, No. 1
Gouache and India Ink, 19½ x 14½—
Painted 1947/48
Lent by The British Council

UNITED STATES

he decade of the 1940's covered by this exhibition has been one of the most complex in the art of the United States. The momentous events and issues of the period had a deep effect on our art. The war cut American artists off from the direct influence of Europe and made them realize that they could no longer look to the older continent for leadership. At the same time it brought a heightened sense of the oneness of the world and the internationalism of art. Our culture was enriched by a number of distinguished European artists who made their homes in America. The huge tragedy of world events destroyed the complacent isolationism of the regionalists and the narrow dogmatism of the social content school, and impelled artists to a deeper questioning of man's fate, to exploration of the unconscious mind, and to abstract art which created a harmony and order lacking in the external world.

All these forces produced a greater diversity than in any previous period in American art. The decade witnessed the unprecedented spectacle of artists representing every variety of viewpoint from naturalism to pure abstraction, co-existing and creating works which from our contemporary standpoint appear to have equal validity.

In selecting this exhibition the committee has attempted to give a balanced picture of the chief tendencies of this complex decade. We have tried to represent both the older artists who continue to work in established styles and the younger men who are exploring new fields. Space was of course lacking to include all worth-while individuals, but it is our hope that we have presented a fair cross-section of American art for the last ten years. At the outset we considered the alternatives of choosing a limited number of artists and representing them by several works each, or of including a larger number represented in most cases by a single work. In adopting the latter alternative we were motivated by a desire to present the diversity, the individualism and the vitality inherent in a democratic society.

L. Goodrich



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PAINTINGS

- 50 ALBRIGHT, IVAN LE LORRAINE 1897-Ah God, Herrings, Buoys, the Glittering Sea Gouache, 303/16 x 38—Painted 1940 Lent by The Art Institute of Chicago
- 51 ARONSON, DAVID 1923-Resurrection

Oil on Canvas, 89 x 32—Painted 1944/45 Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Ludgin, Chicago

52 ATHERTON, JOHN 1900-Old Barn, Connecticut

> Oil on Canvas, 28 x 40—Painted 1942 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art,

53 BARNES, MATTHEW RACKHAM 1880-**Profile of To-morrow**

> Oil on Canvas, 18 x 22—Painted 1945/47 Lent by Mrs. Marie De C. Welch, Los Gatos, California

54 BAZIOTES, WILLIAM 1911-Night Landscape

> Oil on Canvas, 36 x 42—Painted 1947 Lent by Dr. Israel Rosen, Baltimore, Maryland

55 BENTON, THOMAS H. 1889-July Hay

> Egg Tempera, and Oil on Masonite, 38 x 263/4-Painted 1943 Lent by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

56 BERMAN, EUGENE 1899-The Wall of Spikes

> Oil on Canvas, 38 x 51—Painted 1948 Lent by M. Knoedler & Co., Inc., New York

57 BLOOM, HYMAN 1913-Chandelier II

> Oil on Canvas, 72 x 42-Painted 1945 Lent by Durlacher Bros., New York

58 BLOOM, HYMAN 1913-The Synagogue

> Oil on Canvas, 651/4 x 463/4-Painted c. 1940 Lent by The Museum of Modern Art, New York Acquired through the Lillie P. Bliss Bequest

59 BLUME, PETER 1906-Landscape with Poppies

Oil on Canvas, 18 x 251/8-Painted 1939 Lent by The Museum of Modern Art, New York Gift of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

60 BREININ, RAYMOND 1908-The Night

Gouache on Cardboard, 201/4 x 283/4—Painted 1941 Lent by The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

61 BROOK, ALEXANDER 1898-

Plumes of Grass

Oil on Canvas, 47 x 28—Painted 1947 Lent by Frank K. M. Rehn Galleries, New York

62 BURCHFIELD, CHARLES 1893-

The Sphinx and The Milky Way

Watercolour, 525/8 x 443/4 (Sight)—Painted 1946 Lent by The Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, N.Y.

63 BURLIN, PAUL 1886-

Jazz in Heaven

Oil on Canvas, 32 x 39-Painted 1946 Lent by The Fine Arts Department, International Business Machines Corporation, New York

64 CADMUS, PAUL 1904-

Fantasia on a Theme by Dr. S

Egg Tempera on Gesso Panel, 13 x 13—Painted 1946 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

65 DAVIS, STUART 1894-

New York under Gaslight Oil on Canvas, 30 x 45—Painted 1941

Lent by Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, Stamford, Conn. From the Herman Shulman Collection

66 DAVIS, STUART 1894-Ursine Park

Oil on Canvas, 20 x 40-Painted 1942 Lent by The International Business Machines Corporation, New York

67 DEHN, ADOLF 1895-

Lohengrin

Watercolour, 191/2 x 29-Painted 1941 Lent by The Art Museum of the New Britain Institute, New Britain, Conn.

68 DE KOONING, WILLEM 1904-Painting

> Enamel on Paper, 24 x 36-Painted 1947 Lent by John Stephan, Esq., New York

69 DOVE, ARTHUR G. 1880-1949 High Noon

> Oil on Canvas, 27 x 36—Painted 1944 Lent by The Downtown Gallery, New York

70 ERNST, MAX 1891-**Chemical Nuptials**

> Oil on Canvas, 59 x 26—Painted 1947/48 Lent by M. Knoedler & Co., Inc., New York

71 ERNST, MAX 1891-

Temptation of St. Anthony

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 56 approx.—Painted 1945 Lent by the Artist

72 EVERGOOD, PHILIP 1901-

Men in Mountains

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 50 approx.

Lent by Herbert Small, Esq., Kerhonkson, N.Y.

73 FEININGER, LYONEL 1871— Pearly Day

Watercolour, 11 x 17 approx.—Painted 1942 Lent by Mrs. Julie Feininger, New York

74 FEININGER, LYONEL 1871— Dunes, Moon Glow

Oil on Canvas, 24 x 36—Painted 1944 Lent by Dr. Emil L. Froelicher, Detroit, Mich.

75 GLARNER, FRITZ 1899-

Relational Painting Tondo III

Oil on Canvas, $37\frac{1}{2} \times 37\frac{1}{2}$ —Painted 1945 Lent by Pinacotheca, New York

76 GORKY, ARSHILE 1904-1948 The Calendars

Oil on Canvas, 50 x 56—Painted 1946/47 Lent by Julian Levy, Esq., Bridgewater, Conn.

77 GOTTLIEB, ADOLPH 1903-

Amulets of Phoebus

Oil on Canvas, 36 x 48—Painted 1948 Lent by the Artist

78 GRAVES, MORRIS 1910-

Unnamed Bird of the Inner Eye

Gouache, 22 x 39—Painted 1941 Lent by The Museum of Modern Art, New York

79 GRAVES, MORRIS 1910-

Wounded Sen Gull

Gouache, 24¹/₄ x 28¹/₄—Painted 1943 Lent by John S. Newberry, Jr., Esq., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

80 GREENE, BALCOMB 1904-

This Architectural World

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 48—Painted 1945 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

81 GREENE, STEPHEN 1917-

Deposition

Oil on Canvas, 59 x 34—Painted 1947 Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri

82 GROSZ, GEORGE 1893-

Peace No. 2

Oil on Canvas, 46½ x 33—Painted 1946 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

83 GROSZ, GEORGE 1893— Attacked by the Stick Man

Watercolour, 23½ x 18—Painted 1948 Lent by the Artist

84 GUGLIELMI, O. LOUIS 1906—

Oil on Canvas, 34 x 30
Lent by The Art Institute of Chicago

85 GUSTON, PHILIP 1913-

The Somersault

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 30—Painted 1946 Lent by The Midtown Galleries, New York

86 GWATHMEY, ROBERT 1903-

Poll Tax Country

Oil on Canvas, 28 x 41—Painted 1945 Lent by Joseph H. Hirshhorn, Esq., New York

87 HARTLEY, MARSDEN 1877-1943

Black Duck

Oil on Masonite, 28 x 22—Painted 1940/41 Lent by The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

88 HARTLEY, MARSDEN 1877-1943

The Wave

Oil on Wood-pulp Panel, 30½ x 40½—Painted 1940 Lent by The Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Mass.

89 HAYTER, STANLEY WM. 1901— Death of Clytaemnestra

Oil on Canvas, 57 x 73—Painted 1949 Lent by the Artist

90 HIRSCH, JOSEPH 1910-

The Confidence

Oil on Canvas, 18 x 22 approx. Lent by Samuel Spewack, Esq., New York

91 HOPPER, EDWARD 1882-

El Palacio

Watercolour, $20\frac{1}{2} \times 28\frac{1}{2}$ —Painted 1946 Lent by Frank K. M. Rehn Galleries, New York

92 HOPPER, EDWARD 1882-

Nighthawks

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 60 Lent by The Art Institute of Chicago

93 HOUMÈRE, WALTER 1895-

Epicycloid

Oil on Gesso, 48 x 72—Painted 1943 Lent by the Artist

94 HOWARD, CHARLES 1899—

Oil on Canvas, 28½ x 40½—Painted 1942 Lent by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



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95 KNATHS, KARL 1891-

Saul

Oil on Canvas, 60 x 40—Painted 1948 Lent by A. P. Rosenberg & Co., Inc., New York

96 KOERNER, HENRY 1916-

The Family

Oil on Canvas, 35 x 35—Painted 1948
Lent by The Midtown Galleries, New York

97 KUNIYOSHI, YASUO 1893—

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 40—Painted 1946 Lent by Joseph H. Hirshhorn, Esq., New York

98 KUNIYOSHI, YASUO 1893-

Room 110

Oil on Canvas, 43½ x 33½

Lent by University of Nebraska Art Galleries,
Lincoln, Neb.

Hall Collection

99 LAWRENCE, JACOB 1917— Barber Shop

Gouache, 21 x 29½—Painted 1946 Lent by Charles Alan, Esq., New York

100 LEBRUN, RICO 1900-

Wood of the Holy Cross

Mixed Medium, 80 x 30—Painted 1949 Lent by the Artist

101 LEVI, JULIAN 1900-

Autobiography

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 30—Painted 1943 Lent by The Downtown Gallery, New York

102 LEVINE, JACK 1915-

The Passing Scene

Oil on Composition Eoard, 48 x 29¾—Painted 1941 Lent by The Museum of Modern Art, New York Mrs. Simon Guggenheim Fund

103 LEVINE, JACK 1915-

Welcome Home

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 60—Painted 1946 Lent by The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.

104 MacIVER, LOREN 1909—

Oil on Canvas, 27 x 35%—Painted 1940 Lent by The Museum of Modern Art, New York

105 MARIN, JOHN 1870-

Adirondacks at Lower Ausable Lake

Watercolour, 145/8 x 201/8—Painted 1947 Lent by The Phillips Gallery, Washington, D.C.

106 MARIN, JOHN 1870-

Movement, Boat, Sea, Rocks and Sky, Maine Watercolour, 15½ x 21¾—Painted 1941

Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

107 MARSH, REGINALD 1898-

Water Sports

Wash Drawing, $17\frac{1}{2} \times 31\frac{1}{2}$ —Painted 1948 Lent by Frank K. M. Rehn Galleries, New York

108 MODEL, EVSA 1901-

Resort

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 30—Painted 1948 Lent by Sidney Janis Gallery, New York

109 MOTHERWELL, ROBERT 1915-

The Emperor of China

Oil on Canvas, 38 x 30—Painted 1948 Lent by The Kootz Gallery, New York

110 MURCH, WALTER 1917-

The Circle

Oil on Canvas, 26 x 21½ Lent by The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.

111 O'KEEFFE, GEORGIA 1887-

Pelvis with the Moon, New Mexico

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 24—Painted 1943 Lent by the Artist

112 OSVER, ARTHUR 1912-

Monday Morning

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 30—Painted 1947 Lent by The Grand Central Art Galleries, New York

113 PEREIRA, IRENE RICE 1907-

Oblique Progression

Oil on Canvas, 50 x 40—Painted 1948 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

114 PERLIN, BERNARD 1918-

Vacant Lots

Oil on Masonite, 24 x 29½—Painted 1948 Lent by John Hay Whitney, Esq., New York

115 PICKENS, ALTON 1917-

The Acrobat

Oil on Canvas, 50¾ x 31¼—Painted 1947 Lent by Curt Valentin, Esq., New York

116 POLLOCK, JACKSON 1912-

The Cathedral

Oil on Canvas, 35 x 71 Lent by Bernard J. Reis, Esq., New York

117 PRESTOPINO, GREGORIO 1907— The Bridge

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Oil on Canvas, $28\frac{1}{2} \times 41$ Lent by the Nebraska Art Association, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

118 PRICE, CLAYTON S. 1874-

The Fisherman

Oil on Canvas, 34 x 42 Lent by The Detroit Institute of Arts. Detroit

119 RATTNER, ABRAHAM 1893-

Clowns and Kings

Oil on Canvas, 51¼ x 38¼—Painted 1944 Lent by A. P. Rosenberg & Co. Inc., New York

120 ROTHKO, MARK 1903-

Vessels of Magic

Watercolour, $38\frac{3}{4} \times 25\frac{3}{4}$ (Sight) Lent by The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.

121 SHAHN, BEN 1898-

The Red Stairway

Tempera on Masonite, $18\frac{3}{6} \times 27\frac{1}{4}$ —Painted 1944 Lent by The City Art Museum of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.

122 SHAHN, BEN 1898-

Liberation

Tempera on Composition Board, 30 x 39½—Painted 1945
Lent by Mr. and Mrs. James Thrall Soby,
Farmington, Conn.

123 SHEELER, CHARLES 1883-

Winter Window

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 24—Painted 1941 Lent by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Chicago

124 SHEELER, CHARLES 1883-

Incantation

Oil on Canvas, 24 x 20—Painted 1946 Lent by The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.

125 SIPORIN, MITCHELL 1910-

The Endless Voyage

Oil on Canvas, 34 x 40—Painted 1946 Lent by The School of Fine Arts, State University of Iowa, Iowa City

126 SOYER, RAPHAEL 1899-

Sleeping Girl

Oil on Canvas, 30×41 —Painted 1947/48Lent by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

127 SPENCER, NILES 1893-

The Two Bridges

Oil on Canvas, 28 x 45½—Painted 1947 Lent by Roy Neuberger, Esq., New York

128 SPRUCE, EVERETT 1907-

The Little Mesa

Oil on Canvas, 24 x 30 Lent by Mortimer Levitt Gallery, New York

129 STAMOS, THEODOROS 1922-

Archaic Release

Oil on Composition Board, 48 x 281/8—Painted 1947 Lent by The Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minn.

130 STUEMPFIG, WALTER 1914-

The Wall

Oil on Canvas, 31¹/₄ x 48¹/₄—Painted 1946 Lent by The Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Penn.

131 TANGUY, YVES 1900-

Divisibilité Indéfinie

Oil on Canvas, 40 x 35—Painted 1942 Lent by The Albright Art Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y.

132 TCHELITCHEW, PAVEL 1898-

The Sun

Gouache, 291/8 x 35—Painted 1945
Lent by Pericles Embiricos, Esa., New York

133 TOBEY, MARK 1890-

New York

Tempera, $36\frac{1}{2} \times 25$ —Painted 1945 Lent by Mrs. D. Rhodes Johnson, Long Island, N.Y.

134 TOMLIN, BRADLEY WALKER 1899—

Tension by Moonlight

Oil on Canvas, 33 x 46—Painted 1948 Lent by The Betty Parsons Gallery, New York

135 WATKINS, FRANKLIN 1894-

Angel Turning a Page in the Book

Oil on Canvas, 33 x 28—Painted c.1944 Lent by The Phillips Gallery, Washington, D.C.

136 WEBER, MAX 1881-

Adoration of the Moon

Oil on Canvas, 48 x 32—Painted 1944 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

137 WEBER, MAX 1881-

Three Literary Gentlemen

Oil on Canvas, 30 x 36½—Painted 1945 Lent by A. P. Rosenberg & Co., Inc., New York

138 WYETH, ANDREW 1917-

Mother Archie's Church

Egg Tempera, 25 x 48—Painted 1946 Lent by The Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Mass.

SCULPTURE

139 BAIZERMAN, SAUL 1889-

Slumber

Hammered Copper, 25 x 42 x 24—1948 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

140 CALDER, ALEXANDER 1898-

The Gong

Metal, 18 x 6 approx.—1948 Lent by the Artist

141 DE CREEFT, JOSE 1884-

The Cloud

Green Stone, 17½ x 12½ x 8—1939 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

142 FERBER, HERBERT 1906— Portrait of B.M.

Lead, 18 x 13
Lent by The Betty Parsons Gallery, New York

143 FLANNAGAN, JOHN B. 1895-1942

Bluestone, 4 x 8 x 12½—1941 Lent by Miss Elegnor L. Wolff, New York

144 GROSS, CHAIM 1904-

Sisters

Pink Marble—1946 Lent by the Artist

145 HARKAVY, MINNA 1895-

Sitting Figure

Cast Stone, 44 x 20—1949 Lent by the Artist

146 HEBALD, MILTON 1917-

Children's Games

Aluminum, 24 x 10 x 30—1949 Lent by Grand Central Art Galleries, New York

147 LIPCHITZ, JACQUES 1891-

Peaasus

Bronze, 15—1947 Lent by The Buchholz Gallery, New York

148 LIPPOLD, RICHARD 1915-

Variation No. 6

Brass, Nickel-Chrome, Enamelled Copper Wires, 9" in diameter—1948
Lent by Anni Albers, New York

149 NOGUCHI, ISAMU 1904-

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Aluminum, 42 x 15½ x 12½—1948 Lent by the Artist

150 ROBUS, HUGO 1885-

One-Two-Three

Bronze, 26—1948 Lent by The Grand Central Art Galleries, New York

151 ROSZAK, THEODORE J. 1907-

Thorn-Blossom

Steel and Brazed Nickel, 33½ x 23 x 19—1947/48 Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

152 SMITH, DAVID 1906-

Cockfight—Variation

Steel, $34\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2} \times 10-1945$ Lent by The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

153 WARNEKE, HEINZ 1895-

Daphne, Allegra e Penseriosa

Applewood, 40 x 36 approx.—1947 Lent by the Artist

154 ZORACH, WILLIAM 1887—

Head of a Prophet

Black Granite—stone, 16 x 10 (at widest point)—1946 Lent by The Art Institute of Chicago

FRANCE

Our object has been to give a fair idea of painting to-day in Paris. In this melting pot of plastic experimentation new waves of discovery rise and fall. A cross section of artistic creation registered every ten years would show the rapid evolution of ideas in this International School. Since the appearance of Cézanne, Van Gogh, Gauguin and the Douanier Rousseau; Fauvism, Cubism, Nabisme, Expressionisme, la peinture naif, Abstract art, etc. have added their revolutionary spirit. Surrealisme even liberated the artist from the limitations of plastic conceptions to which he has now in most cases returned, enriched by a right to unbounded imagination.

Archaic sculpture, negro and oceanic art affect consciously or unconsciously the artist to-day, as does his growing familiarity with mechanical forms or the harmony disclosed by microscopic photography. New notions of the distant past and of the immediate present attract the Parisian painter more than the atmosphere of the Renaissance. This fact is clearly shown by his renewed interest in romanesque art, his passion for the recently discovered cave paintings at Lascaux, and at the same time by his visits to the Museum of Scientific Discovery open in Paris since the war. In favour of this Museum some younger painters may be said to neglect the Louvre! They are on the one hand inheriting a far more universal History of Art, while on the other catching up with the modernization of the world, working towards a future liaison between Art and Industry.

A display of modern work may shock the man in the street, with his stillborn conception of the softly moulded art forms of the Renaissance.

In addition to a short description of the atmosphere of Paris, it is necessary to describe another aspect which differs totally from that of any other town. Quantitatively there are more artists than anywhere else; it is said that at least 50,000 exhibit, while 50% of them are foreigners. There are about 20 Salons per year, exhibiting the work of, on an average, 12,000 artists. There are just under 200 art galleries in Paris as compared with the twenty odd dealers established in the other big capitals.

Every successive school produces hundreds of convinced imitators covering endless canvasses. In organizing this show it was therefore difficult to make a fair selection from such a vast field, especially on account of the fact that too large an exhibition of varying tendencies would produce a neutralising effect. My first step was to make a list of about 70 names in separate columns, representing different generations of artists. The great masters of the School of Paris, over 65 years of age: Matisse, Braque, Picasso, Léger, Dufy, Rouault, to whom we added Miro. The second list contained names of the 50 to 60 generation with André Masson and others. We then worked down the generations, included a small section from the pure abstract school, and finally some works of very young men under 30 who have obtained recognition.

I then asked M. Bernard Dorival, Deputy Director of the Musée d'Art Moderne and M. Louis Gabriel Clayeux, expert on modern art, to form a committee. Thereupon, to reduce numbers, an interesting element was cut out: drawings by sculptors, to the strength of about ten names. Names of several naif painters were suppressed, who have added no elements to their style for the last ten years, and for the same reason several surrealists and several previously realistic painters who have recently spoilt their original style by imitating the Abstracts. Some active elements of the School of Paris are also unfortunately omitted; they were considered of too recent formation and differing distinctly from the main mass of the show. I am referring to such men as Dubuffet, Brauner, Wols, Balthus, Fautrier, Mucha. Their addition would have brought the numbers above the limit of 40 works and might have caused confusion.

Although very representative, it is possible that this collection contains too high a percentage of painters who tend to create a new académisme under the dual influence of Picasso and Matisse. Perhaps the most typical example of the School of Paris to-day is the work of Fernand Léger, with his vigorous mural conception of art, his balance between the realms of realism and abstraction, between forms magical and mechanical, and his equilibrium of static and dynamic line.

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160 ATLAN, JEAN M. 1913-Composition Oil. 31% x 25%

Lent by Galerie Maeaht, Paris

161 BAZAINE, JEAN 1904-Nature Morte au Verre

Oil 181/6 x 13 Lent by Maître Maurice Garçon

162 BEAUDIN, ANDRÉ 1895-La Conversation

Oil. 393/8 x 317/8-Painted 1947 Private Collection

163 BORES, FRANCISCO 1898-Assiette de Poires

Oil. 253/4 x 193/4 Lent by M. Pierre Loeb

164 BRAQUE, GEORGES 1882-Le Moulin à Café

Oil. 331/2 x 413/8 Lent by Galerie Maeaht, Paris

165 CHAPOVAL, JULES 1919-Composition

Oil, 253/4 x 193/4 Lent by the Artist

166 CHASTEL, ROGER 1897-Nature Morte au Citron Coupé

Oil. 361/4 x 283/4 Lent by Galerie Maeght, Paris

167 DA SILVA, VIERA 1908-La Chambre

Oil. 235/8 x 193/4 Lent by M. Pierre Loeb

168 DE STAEL, NICOLAS 1913-Casse Lumière

Oil, 393/8 x 26 Lent by M. Jacques Dubourg, Paris

169 DESNOYER, FRANCOIS 1894-Le Port de Sète

Oil. 361/4 x 235/8 Lent by the Artist

170 DUFY, RAOUL 1877-Dépicage la Batteuse Bleue

Oil on canvas, 211/4 x 255/8—Painted 1948 Lent by The Toledo Museum of Art

171 GISCHIA, LÉON 1903-La Femme Peintre

Oil. 511/4 x 381/4—Painted 1948 Lent by Galerie Billiet Caputo, Paris

172 GOERG EDOLLARD Portrait de l'Artiste

Oil. 283/4 x 235/8 Lent by the Artist

173 HARTUNG, HANS 1904-

Composition

Oil. 571/2 x 381/4 Lent by the Artist

174 KERMADEC, EUGÈNE DE 1899-

Impression d'Alger

Oil. 253/4 x 193/4—Painted 1948 Lent by Galerie Louise Leiris, Paris

175 LAPICQUE, CHARLES 1898-

Paysage au fond de la Rade de Pommelin

Oil. 31% x 235% Lent by the Artist

176 LEGER, FERNAND 1881-

Papillons Jaunes

Oil, 361/4 x 283/4 Lent by the Artist

177 LE MOAL, JEAN 1919-

Les Pins

Oil. 215/8 x 13-Painted 1948 Lent by Galerie Billiet Caputo, Paris

178 MAGNELLI, ALBERTO 1888-

Composition

Oil. 393/8 x 317/8 Lent by the Artist

179 MANESSIER, ALFRED 1911-

Soirée d'Octobre

Oil. 393/8 x 317/8 Lent by the Artist

180 MARCHAND, ANDRÉ 1907-

Les Tomates

Oil. 393/8 x 317/8 Lent by Galerie Maeght, Paris

181 MASON, RAYMOND 1922-

Monotype

Ink, 361/4 x 24-Painted 1949 Lent by the Artist

182 MASSON, ANDRÉ 1896-La Grotte

Oil. 283/4 x 361/4—Painted 1948 Private Collection

183 MATISSE, HENRI 1869-

Femme à la fenêtre

Oil. 231/8 x 361/4-Painted 1908 Lent by The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

184 MIRO, JOAN 1893— Femme, Oiseau, Etoile Watercolour and pastel, 43 x 411/8 Lent by Galerie Maeght, Paris

185 PALAZUELO, PABLO 1916— Composition Rouge Oil, 39¾ x 29½ Lent by the Artist

186 PALLUT, PIERRE 1918— Les Assiettes aux Figues Oil, 36½ x 28¾—Painted 1947 Lent by Galerie Maeght, Paris

187 PICASSO, PABLO 1881— Le Faune au Maillot Violet Oil on Paper, 25¾ x 19¾—Painted 1946 Private Collection

188 PIGNON, EDOUARD 1905— Ostende Oil, 25¾ x 19¾ Private Collection

189 RESVANI, SERGE 1928— Composition 31½ x 23½—Painted 1949 Lent by the Artist

190 ROBIN, GABRIEL 1902— Paysanne au Cactée Oil, 36½ x 25¾—Painted 1944 Lent by Galerie Billiet Caputo, Paris

191 ROGER, SUZANNE 1898— Le Jour V Oil, 25¾ x 19¾—Painted 1947 Lent by Galerie Louise Leiris, Paris

192 ROUAULT, GEORGES 1870— La Sybille Oil, 21½ × 16 Lent by the Artist

193 SINGIER, GUSTAVE 1909— La Fenêtre Ouverte Oil, 39% x 31%—Painted 1944 Lent by Galerie Billiet Caputo, Paris

194 TAL COAT, PIERRE 1905— Nature Morte à la Table Oil, 30 x 145/8 Lent by Galerie de France, Paris

195 TAILLEUX, FRANCIS 1915— La Fenêtre Oil, 28¾ x 23¾ Lent by Galerie de France, Paris

196 VAN VELDE, GEER 1898— Composition Oil, 39% x 31% Lent by Galerie Maeght, Paris

197 VILLON, JACQUES 1875— Self Portrait Oil on canvas, 21 ¾ x 18—Painted 1934 Lent by Vincent Tovell, Esq., Toronto

198 WALCH, CHARLES 1898— Les Bretonnes Oil, 361/4 x 283/4 Lent by Madame Walch, Paris



